

REMARKS

Claims 1-20 remain pending in the present application. Claims 1, 6 and 17 have been amended to contain the limitations of claims 4 and 9, to indicate that the claimed fibers are multiple component fibers. No new matter is added.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) over JP 02-104755

Claims 1-3, 6-8 and 17-20 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as anticipated by JP 02-104755 (hereinafter JP '755). Applicants traverse this basis for rejection and respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal thereof.

Applicants submit that the rejection is moot in view of the amendment to recharacterize the claimed fibers and webs as 'multiple component', as set forth in original claims 4 and 9, which were not subject to rejection on this basis. Withdrawal of the rejection is requested.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103(A) over WO 01/09425

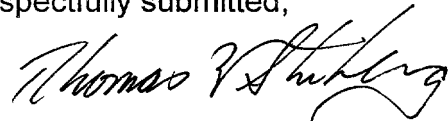
Claims 1-20 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as obvious over WO 01/09425 (hereinafter WO '425). Applicants traverse this basis for rejection and respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal thereof.

The rejection is improper as WO '425 is unavailable as a reference under any subsection of 35 U.S.C. § 102. The priority date of the present application is based upon filing of the provisional application on May 11, 2000, which predates the publication date of WO '425; therefore the cited reference is unavailable under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a). Likewise, WO '425 is unavailable under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) due to the priority date of the present application; and unavailable under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) since the inventive entities of the present application and the reference are identical (see Applicants' request for change of inventorship filed 17 January 2002, copy attached).

Withdrawal of the rejection is requested.

In view of the foregoing, allowance of the above-referenced application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

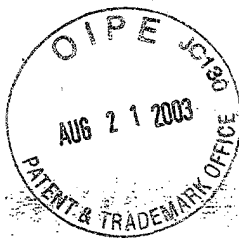


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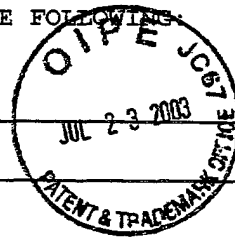
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Request for Change in Inventorship under 37 C.F.R. §1.48

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Sir:

The Assignee of the present application, E. I. du Pont de Nemours and Company, requests that the following two individuals be added as inventors of the application: Michael C. Davis and Vishal Bansal. Accordingly, the inventors of the present application are Mr. Davis, Mr. Bansal and the originally named inventor, Mr. Rudisill.

Submitted herewith are the required statements of Mr. Davis and Mr. Bansal that the error in inventorship was not a matter of deceptive intent on their parts as required by Rule 48(a)(2); a declaration signed by each of Mr. Davis and Mr. Bansal as required by Rule 48(a)(3); copies of assignments to E. I. du Pont de Nemours and Company executed by Mr. Davis and Mr. Bansal, as required by Rule 48(a)(5); and the fee required under Rule 1.17(i).

Should there be any questions or comments, please direct them to Assignee's representative, the undersigned.

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Statement of Inventorship under 37 C.F.R. §1.48(a)(2)

I, Vishal Bansal, certify that I am a co-inventor of the invention claimed in U.S. patent application no. 09/852,380, entitled "Meltblown Web", and that the omission of my name on the original declaration occurred without deceptive intent on my part.

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I, Michael C. Davis, certify that I am a co-inventor of the invention claimed in U.S. patent application no. 09/852,380, entitled "Meltblown Web", and that the omission of my name on the original declaration occurred without deceptive intent on my part.

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